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METHOD OF SCREENING THERMOPHILIC BACTERIA USING THE SAME

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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and
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1. A check for \$998 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 21 pages, including 2 independent claims and 21 claims total.
3. Drawings - 5 sheets of formal drawings containing 4 figures.
4. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 309616/1999, filed October 29, 1999.
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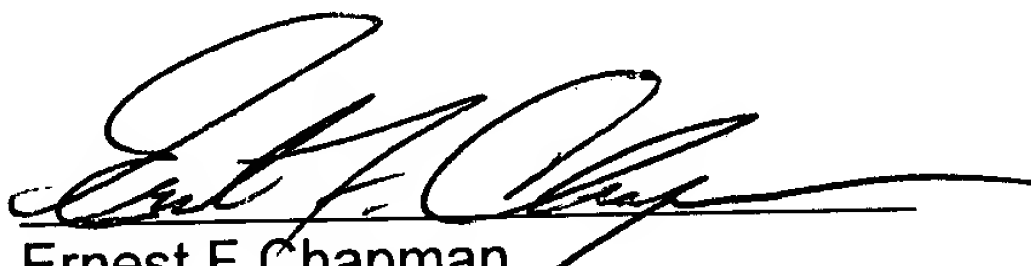
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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